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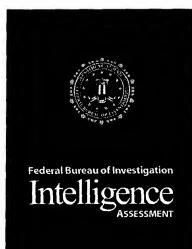
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(U) Item A: 2007 Mardi Gras, New Orleans, Louisiana	
(U) Synopsis: From 10 February to 20 February, New Orleans will host its annual Mardi Gras celebration, which will attract an estimated 500,000 tourists and local residents to the Greater New Orleans area and surrounding parishes. A review of recent encounters and threat reporting revealed no specific threats from individuals or terrorist groups. No incidents were recorded last year.	
(U) Sources: FBI New Orleans FIG Threat Assessment dated 8 February 2007; Log;	b7E
(U) Investigative Action/Results: (U) Information passed to New Orleans	
(II) (S) Item B: Suspect Schedules	
(II) (S) Synopsis: On 14 February, a hit was generated on scheduled to on 17 February.	
(II) (S) Source:	
(S) Investigative Action/Results: opened January	b 6
support cell that assisted 9/11 hijackers Khalid Al-Midhar and Nawaf Al-Hamzi	b7C b7E
for a living through his business.	
determine if are further shipped to Iraq or Afghanistan for	
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(U) Information passed to Los Angeles, and Legat Sanaa	

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U)	(8) <u>Item C:</u>	Hit on Former Afghan Guerilla Training Camp Attendee	
(U)	· / • I	s: On 13 February, hit was generated on when he caused a fire in his apartment complex communal area. The responding officer query after sensing a heightened state of nervousness	b6 b7C b7E
	(U) Source:		
(U) [international •	is an American Muslim	b6
	again	wanted to participate in jihad in Afghanistan but the fighting had already ended st the Soviets Albuquerque closed the with no plans to return to the United States. Metalogous in 1992 to live in an Islamic environment; wanted to participate in jihad in Afghanistan but the fighting had already ended with no plans to return to the United States.	b7C b7E
(S)	grand O	While in New Mexico	b1 b3 b6 b7
	• In 199	In 1992 took with him to an Afghan guerilla training camp where they received rifle, rocket, grenade, and explosives training for two weeks According to his sons and an unidentified group of Arabs built a however, the vehicle was stopped by the Pakistani Police who arrested after paying a bribe and his family fled and settled in Saudi Arabia	ь6 ь70
		was cooperative and indicated no plans to return to the US He admitted to attending the Afghan guerilla camp and participating in the disrupted plot to bomb the Buddhist temple could not determine any links between and extremists in Saudi Arabia	b6 b7C b7E
	• In Jar	nuary 2006, was involved in	b6 b7C b7E

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• On 6 February 2007, Albuquerque opened a on	
His family background and travel to South Africa in 2004 (married a South	
African resident)	b6
been interviewed on several occasions in reference to his father's case	b7C b7E
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(U) Information passed to Minneapolis, Albuquerque, Legat Riyadh, and Legat Islamabad	
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(U//FOUO) 2008 Mardi Gras **Threat Assessment**

New Orleans, LA

February 5, 2008

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FBI New Orleans

Field Intelligence Group

(U) 2008 Mardi Gras

Assessment Date: 17 January 2008

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(U//FOUO) 2008 Mardi Gras Threat Assessment New Orleans, Louisiana ◊ 05 February 2008

(U) Scope Note

(U// FOUO) The FBI New Orleans Field Intelligence Group has prepared the following threat assessment for the 2008 New Orleans Mardi Gras to assist security planners and law enforcement	
personnel in monitoring threat information and maintaining a safe and secure event environment. Information in this assessment is current and accurate as of 17 January 2008.	\neg
Comments and queries may be addressed to the New Orleans Field Intelligence Group at (504) 816-3000.	b7E
(U//FOUO) This intelligence assessment addresses	
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(U) Key Judgments

•	(U// FOUO) There is no credible intelligence indicating existing threats from international or
	domestic terrorist groups to the 2008 New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration. However, the
	popularity of this event combined with the attention it receives from mass media coverage makes
	it an attractive target of opportunity for terrorist groups.

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(U) Event Overview

(U//FOUO) Brought to Louisiana by French settlers in the year 1699, Mardi Gras is a Catholic tradition that provides a period of merriment prior to the penitential season of Lent. Mardi Gras festivities officially begin on January 6th and culminate on Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

(U//FOUO) Since 1857, individual carnival clubs known as Krewes have celebrated Mardi Gras by sponsoring over two thousand parades. ² The 2008 New Orleans Mardi Gras parade lineup includes 68 parades spread out over various parts of the city. ³ Some of the most widely known Krewes are the Krewe of Rex and the Krewe of Zulu. Both Rex and Zulu roll through the streets of New Orleans on Fat Tuesday attracting thousands of screaming revelers. The revelers line up early in the morning along the parade routes hoping to get their fair share of Mardi Gras loot which ranges from the traditional beads, cups, and doubloons to the highly coveted coconuts and African spears handed out by the Krewe of Zulu.

(U//FOUO) In the 1990's, the economic impact of Mardi Gras on the city of New Orleans surpassed the half billion dollar mark. The 2008 Mardi Gras season is expected attract over 700,000 visitors and generate an economic impact of one billion dollars. ⁴

(U) International Terrorism Threat

(U//FOUO) Intelligence reporting

(U//FOUO) The New Orleans Division currently possesses no specific intelligence that terrorist groups are planning to attack the 2008 New Orleans Mardi Gras.

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(U) Domestic Terrorism Threat	ı
(U// FOUO) The New Orleans Division currently possesses no specific intelligence indicating attacks domestic terrorist groups against the 2008 New Orleans Mardi Gras.	by
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(U) Intelligence Gaps		
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(U) Endnotes	
(U) "History of Mardi Gras", 14 January 2008, available at http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/mardigras/mghistory.html	
² (U) "Mardi Gras Fundamentals", 15 January 2008, available at http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/mardigras/mgfund.html	
³ (U) "Mardi Gras Parades", 16 January 2008, available at http://www.nola.co	m/mardigras/parades/
⁴ (U) Telephonic conversation on 17 January 2008 between IA New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation.	nd b6
⁵ (U//���) FBI Counterterrorism Division, (U//���) National Terrorism (2005):5. (UNCLASSIFIED)	ьто Гhreat Overview (January

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COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION THREAT REVIEW UNIT

24 February 2009

(U) 2009 Mardi Gras

(U) Synopsis: Mardi Gras is a Catholic tradition brought to Louisiana by French settlers in 1699. The term, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday," refers to events of the Carnival celebrations officially beginning in January and ending at midnight before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Carnival typically involves a public celebration or parade combining some elements of a circus and public street party. Individual carnival clubs known as Krewes have celebrated Mardi Gras by sponsoring over two thousand parades since 1857. The 2009 New Orleans Mardi Gras parade schedule includes 69 parades spread out over various parts of the city.

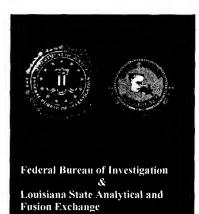
(U) Source: New Orleans Ma	rdi Gras Special Event Th	<u>rreat Assessment (26 January 2</u>	2009)
prepared by FBI New Orleans			

(U) Investigative Action/Results:

- (U) The popularity of this event and the amount of media coverage it receives make it a potential target for domestic as well as international terrorists. Currently, New Orleans Division has no intelligence reporting to indicate any threats from domestic or international terrorist groups.
- (U) Information sent to New Orleans

For questions or comments please contact the Threat Review Unit, NTCS, at
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Special Event Threat Assessment

(U) 2012 New Orleans Mardi Gras Special Event Threat Assessment

New Orleans, Louisiana

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New Orleans Division

Assessment Date: 6 February 2012

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(U//FOUO) 2012 New Orleans Mardi Gras Threat Assessment New Orleans, Louisiana 21 February 2012

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(U/7FOUO) The FBI New Orleans Field Intelligence Group (FIG) has prepared the following		
threat assessment for the 2012 New Orleans Mardi Gras event		
Information in this assessment is current and		
accurate as of 1 February 2012. The assessment		
This event has been		
designated as a event.		
(U// FOUO) The FBI New Orleans FIG conducted a comprehensive review of all available intelligence Please address comments and queries to the at 504-816-3000.		
(U/ /FOUO) This SETA addresses the		
contained in and		

(U) Special Event Assessment Rating Definitions:

- (U) This threat assessment uses the Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) System:
- (U) SEAR I: Events of such magnitude and significant national and/or international importance that may require the full support of the US Government.
- (U) SEAR II: Significant events with national and/or international importance that require direct national federal support and situational awareness.
- (U) SEAR III: Significant events with national and/or international importance that require only limited direct Federal support to augment local capabilities.
- (U) SEAR IV: Events with limited national importance that generally require only state and local resources.
- (U) SEAR V: Events of local or state importance that generally require state or local resources.

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• (U//FOUO) There is no intelligence indicating existing threats from international terrorist groups, domestic terrorist groups, or lone offenders to the 2012 New Orleans

(U) Executive Summary

	Mardi Gras event or associated festivities.	
•	(U// FOUO) The number of spectators expected to attend the 2012 Mardi Gras event and associated festivities, coupled with the widespread media coverage (including streaming via the Internet).	
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•	(U// FOUO) There is no intelligence indicating that	b7E
•	(U//FOUO) Intelligence reporting indicates	b7E

(U) Event Overview

- (U) The 2012 New Orleans Mardi Gras event will occur on Tuesday, 21 February 2012, and be preceded by parades and other festivities beginning on 4 February 2012. During the period 4 21 February a total of 53 parades will progress through the streets and waterways of metropolitan New Orleans, specifically, the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Tammany. Festivities ongoing during this time period include outdoor concerts, festivals, and post-parade extravaganzas.
- (U) Parades and other festivities will attract large crowds, which will line the streets of the metropolitan New Orleans area and congregate within bars, night clubs, and other commercial establishments. Parades will attract the largest crowds, which will be spread over parade routes that extend several miles. Appendices A through C highlight the major routes within the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson that parades will proceed along.

(U) International Terrorism Threat

(U/ /FOUO) FBI New Orleans	
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• (U//F OUO)	5.2
(U// FOUO) The annual Mardi Gras event, due to its religious origin and perception as a time during which there are no limits to the sin which one may commit and be freed from penalty,	b7 E
(U) Domestic Terrorism Threat	
(U// FOUO) While domestic terrorist groups and lone-wolf extremists are responsible for most attacks on US soil, FBI New Orleans and LA-SAFE possesses no intelligence indicating any domestic terrorist groups are specifically targeting the 2012 Mardi Gras event or associated festivities.	
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(U) For the first time in Mardi Gras history, an individual of African-American descent will reign as the king of the Krewe of Endymion. Despite the presence and activity of observed white supremacist actors within the New Orleans Division's Area of Responsibility, FBI New Orleans and LA-SAFE possess no intelligence indicating that	
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(U) Lone Offender Threat	
(U// FOUO) FBI New Orleans and LA-SAFE possess no specific information indicating a threat to the 2012 Mardi Gras event or associated festivities	b7E
(U) Attempts to Penetrate Secured Areas	
(U// FOUO) Events of national and international interest such as the 2012 Mardi Gras event have the potential to attract individuals who may attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted areas.	
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(U) Potential Protests or Disruptions	
(U// FOUO) FBI New Orleans and LA-SAFE possess no specific information indicating any	
However, FBI New Orleans and LA-SAFE	b7E
(U) Intelligence Gaps	
• (U// FOUO) the 2012 Mardi Gras event or associated festivities?	
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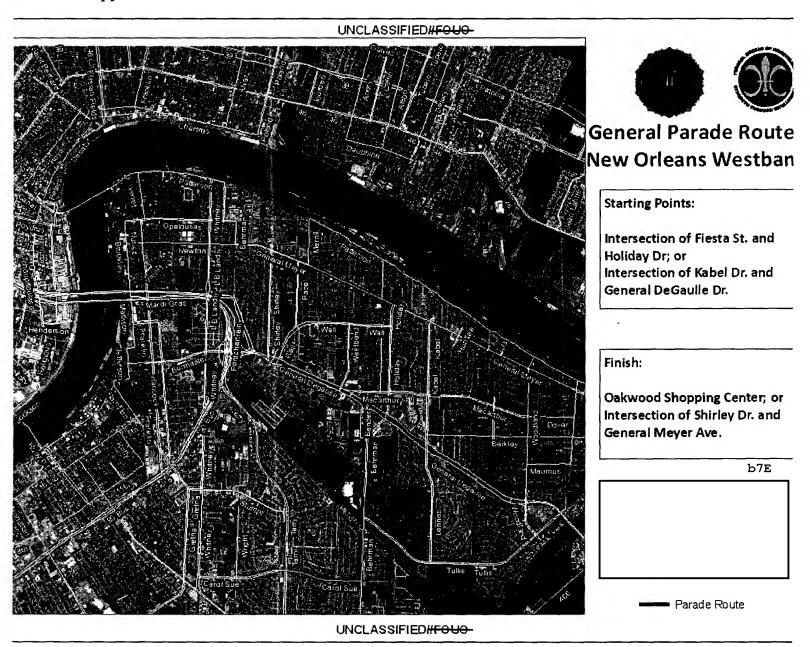
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⁴ (U) Internet Site; "Occupy Mardi Gras"; http://www.occupymardigras.tumblr.com, accessed 1 February 2012.

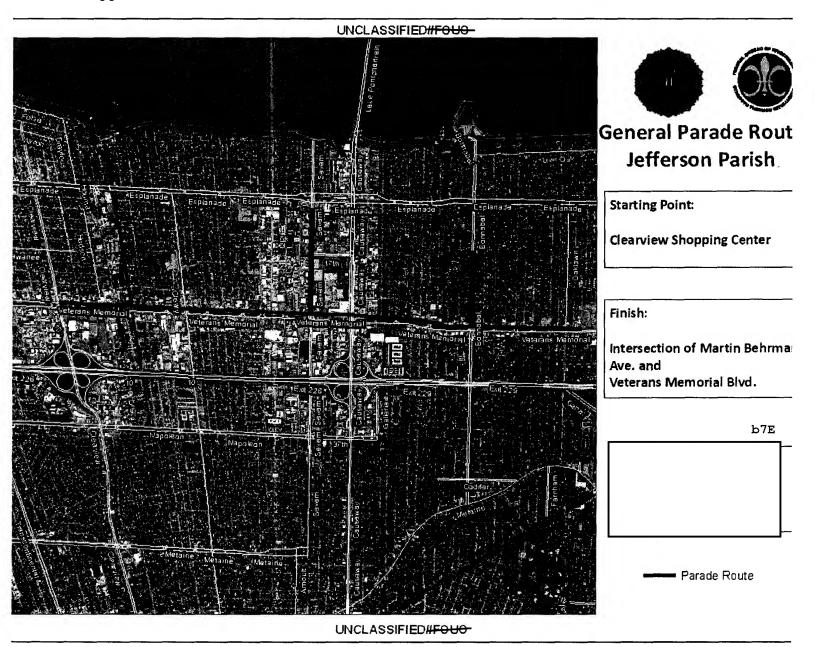
Appendix A. General Parade Routes- Uptown New Orleans.

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Appendix B. General Parade Routes- New Orleans Westbank



Appendix C. General Parade Route- Jefferson Parish.



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Synopsis: (U/\overline{FOUO}) To document the results of Assessment (SETA) conducted in advance of the 20 Gras Season.	-
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: 1. (U// FOUO) 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras Season	n
Details:	
This assessment addresses threats to the 2014 Ne	ew Orleans Mardi Gras
season. This FBI assessment	
	The FBI New b7E
Orleans Field Intelligence Group (FIG) has prepa	ared the following
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Gras season	
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31 January 2014

(U) 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras Season New Orleans, LA FBI New Orleans Field Office

(U) Scope Note

(U//FOUO). This assessment addresses threats to the 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras season. This FBI assessment does not include non-violent civil disobedience tactics (e.g., protests without a permit) which are outside the scope of federal law enforcement jurisdiction. The FBI New Orleans Field Intelligence Group (FIG) has prepared the following Special Event Threat Assessment (SETA) for the 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras season	
Information in this assessment is current and accurate as of 31 January 2014.]
(U) Key Findings	
(U// FOUO) As of 31 January 2014, the FBI New Orleans Field Office has no information to indicate a specific, credible threat to or associated with the 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras season.	
(U// FOUO) The FBI continues to acknowledge and remains concerned	
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witnessed by the 01 November 2013 attack at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) attacks, which killed one TSA Transportation Security Officer (TSO) and wounded two other TSOs, plus a civilian bystander.

(U) Event Overview

- (U) This assessment provides details for the 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras season, which begins Friday, 21 February 2014, and concludes Mardi Gras Day, Tuesday, 04 March 2014. The Mardi Gras celebration will be held in the City of New Orleans, as well as the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area.
 - (U) Over one million people participate in the captioned event throughout the region. The captioned event attracts celebrities along with nationwide government and civic leaders representing various areas throughout the United States. In addition, Mardi Gras is one of the biggest tourist draws in the world, attracting hundreds of thousands of people within the country as well as the world to the aforementioned events. The Mardi Gras celebration will be covered by national and international news media and viewed by millions of people (via Internet) worldwide.

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• (U) Due to the large number of people participating in this event, the national and international exposure, and the many local facilities used as venues during the festivities,	b7E
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(U//FOUO) Security for the Mardi Gras celebrations will primarily be the responsibility of the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD), Louisiana State Police (LSP), local sheriff's departments, and local venue security. The New Orleans Field Office's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) will conduct liaison and coordinate counterterrorism preparedness with the NOPD and various law enforcement agencies for the captioned event.	
(U) SEAR Level	
(U// FOUO) The 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras season has been designated a event.	b7E
(U) Potential Threat Indicators	
(U//FOUO) Absent a specific, actionable threat to the 2014 New Orleans Mardi Gras season, we are providing indicators to aid law enforcement and first responders in identifying and mitigating threats. The totality of behavioral indicators and other relevant circumstances should be	1.70
evaluated when considering any law enforcement response or action	b7E
(U// FOUO) Possible indicators of pre-operational surveillance or attack planning include:	
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